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SUBJ: UNITED NATIONS: CENTER ON MULTINATIONAL

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL. EMBOFF CALLED ON SUB DIRGEN OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT TEMBOURY, RESPONSIBLE FOR CENTER ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN MFA. TEMBOURY WAS FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OR ORIGIN OR NMCS INASMUCH AS HE WAS MEMBER OF SPANISH UN DELEGATION TO RECENT UNGA AND TOOK PART IN DISCUSSIONS IN COMMITTEE TWO.

2. EMBOFF RELAYED SUBSTANCE OF U.S. INTEREST IN NMCS AND HOPE THAT QUALIFIED AND UNBIASED INDIVIDUAL BE NAMED AS FIRST DIRECTOR BY SECGEN. TEMBOURY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE SAYING THAT GOS SHARED SAME HOPE FOR QUALIFIED AND UNBIASED NOMINEE. IT WAS IMPERATIVE, HE SAID, THAT WHOEVER IS NAMED AS DIRECTOR OF NMCS SHOULD BE MOTIVATED TO CONTINUE RESPECT FOR EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LAW DEALING WITH ISSUE OF MULTINATIONALS AND AT SAME TIME SHOW CONCERN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THIS FACET OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, NEEDED TO BE AMPLIFIED AND CODIFIED. GOS WAS OPPOSED TO ANY CANDIDATE WHO WOULD SEEK TO LAY EMPHASIS ON PRE-EMINENCE OF DOMESTIC LAW OVER REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ISSUES DEALING WITH MULTINATIONALS. ACCORDING TO TEMBOURY, THIS WAS POSITION STATED BY SPANISH DELEGATION AT UNGA AND THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE SINCE THEN.

3. TEMBOURY SAID THAT GOS HAD NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND ABOUT SOMAVIA'S CANDIDACY. HE TOLD EMBOFF, HOWEVER, THAT SOMAVIA'S "FAMILY CONNECTIONS" UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE INFLUENCE ON HIS THINKING. ACCORDING TO TEMBOURY, SOMAVIA WAS A MEMBER OF SO-CALLED "MOMIOS" BELONGING TO CONSERVATIVE CHILEAN RIGHT WHO RELUCTANTLY COLLABORATED WITH ALLENDE. TEMBOURY NAMED SEVERAL CHILEAN AMBASSADORS WHO, SINCE ALLENDE'S DOWNFALL, HAD SOUGHT POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT SOMAVIA WAS FOLLOWING SAME PATTERN. HE POINTED OUT THAT DIEGO CORDOVEZ OF ECUADOR (SECGENOF ECOSOC), IS MARRIED TO SOMAVIA'S SISTER. THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, HE ASSUMED, MIGHT HAVE SOME
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IMPORTANCE ON PROSPECTS OF SOMAVIA'S CANDIDACY. TEMBOURY CONCLUDED THAT SOMAVIA PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE AS UNBIASED AND ANTI-MULTINATIONAL AS MIGHT BE ASSUMED FROM HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE NMCS STUDY. HE ASKED EMBOFF FOR FURTHER INFO CONCERNING SOMAVIA'S BACKGROUND IF THIS WERE AVAILABLE.

4. MFA OFFICER TOOK NAME OF ALTERNATE CANDIDATES IN

PARA 3 OF REFTEL AND SAID THAT GOS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO NOMINEE FROM CANADA, AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT EUROPEAN GROUP WOULD BE MEETING AROUND JAN 27 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES AND HE WAS ALREADY AWARE OF POSSIBILITY THAT THIS GROUP WOULD WANT TO PUT UP ITS OWN CANDIDATE. ALTHOUGH SPAIN HAD NO CANDIDATE TO SUGGEST, GOS HOPED THAT EUROPEAN GROUP WOULD SUPPORT SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN DIRECTORATE OF NMC INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER.
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